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ORDERING LICENSE PLATES ONLINE GETS PERSONAL

Idaho motorists can now search for, reserve, and order

personalized license plates 24-hours a day at the Idaho Transportation Department's Division of Motor Vehicles website: www.itd.idaho.gov/dmv.



Instead of calling ITD headquarters in Boise, motorists can find out the availability of a plate immediately through the interactive web service.

All license plates types for passenger vehicles, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles that can be renewed online are eligible for personalization.

Although available plates can be reserved online, there is no guarantee they can be ordered.

ITD's vehicle service personnel review each request for offensive words and messages, regardless of language. In fact, users are required to specify the meaning of their request and provide published definitions of any non-English words.

The maximum number of alphanumeric characters allowed ranges from three to seven, depending on the plate type. At least one letter must be included.

After reviewing a plate request, ITD sends a notice to the applicant via e-mail informing them if their submission is approved or rejected.

If approved, the applicant can log-in again and pay for their transaction using VISA, MasterCard or Discover through the state's secure payment server.

Rejected request notices include a reason for denial.

Motorists can choose one target vehicle per plate, as long as they (the motorist) are listed on the vehicle's title and registration documents.

One- or two-year duration options are available, as is the ability to request a printable temporary registration document.

Personalized plates are subject to a \$25 initial personalization fee and a \$35 specialization fee (\$25 for Centennial, Street Rod, and Veteran). Online orders cost an additional \$1.

No tax dollars were allocated to develop and maintain this service, so the \$1 online convenience fee covers those costs.

In addition to personalized vehicle plate ordering, the service allows anyone to purchase personalized Idaho collector license plates for display or gift purposes.

Requests for collector plates are only reviewed for tastefulness and do not require meanings or published definitions. Multiple requests for the same message and plate types are allowed. *ai*

STATE TAX COMMISSION ADDS GOOGLE™ SEARCH ENGINE

The Idaho State Tax Commission recently upgraded their website search engine to utilize powerful Google technology. The new search engine is designed to be more intuitive and return better, more pertinent results. Check it out at tax.idaho.gov. *ai*

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX DEADLINE IS APRIL 30



Don't forget that 1st quarter 2006 unemployment insurance tax filings and payments are due to the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor by April 30, 2006. File/pay quickly and easily online using your Access Idaho username and password. If you're a first time online UI Tax filer, you'll also need a PIN from Commerce and Labor. For more details and to tour the demo, visit idaho.gov/begin/uitax. @i

COMING SOON

Accountancy Online Group Renewal

If you're the office manager of a CPA firm or a company that employs multiple CPAs, the Idaho State Board of Accountancy is giving you two good reasons to renew your licensed accountants online this year at isba.idaho.gov:

1. **It's Free!** No added convenience fees or surcharges
2. **It's for the whole office!** Easily renew multiple licensees at the same time with only one payment.

There is also no extra charge for individual Idaho CPAs and practice privilege holders who renew their Idaho licenses online.

The 2006 Idaho accountancy license renewal period runs from mid-May through July 3. Licenses renewed July 4 - 31 will incur a \$100 late fee. Licenses cannot be renewed online after July 31.



When helpful ideas, hints or suggestions strike you, send them to rich@accessidaho.org for possible use in future newsletters.

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Useful Ideas for Subscribers



How to Remember Your Password

Coming up with passwords that you can remember and that are also safe is no easy task. Below are a handful of suggestions from the online how-to manual wikiHow (<http://wiki.ehow.com/Remember-Your-Password>). Try one or more of the techniques to create a secure but memorable password.

Develop a Truly Random Password and Use a Mnemonic Device

1. Use software or, less reliable but usually effective enough, simply jot down letters and numbers as they come to your mind.
2. Focus on each letter of the password. A way to remember a randomized, assigned difficult password, like "tthertd" can be simple and fun. Think of a sentence where there is one word beginning with each letter of the password, for example, "tthertd" could be "terrible tigers have every right to drive."

Develop an Algorithm

Take the name of the website and then add the last four digits of a friend's home phone number to the end. (Don't use your own phone number, since a clever hacker could try the same algorithm in a "dictionary attack.") The password for Idaho government applications could be "idaho.gov9383." This is by way of example only because it is too easy for others to figure out, but you can add your own personal twist. Maybe you could spell "Idaho" backwards. The more steps in your algorithm, and the more unpredictable each step is, the more secure your password.

Combine the Best of You

Choose a favorite number (or two), a favorite word (or two), a favorite symbol (or two), and the first one or two symbols that come to mind when you see the web address or the most prominent words on the sign-in page. Choose an order and put them all together into one long string.

Remove the Vowels

Take a word or phrase and remove the vowels from it (e.g. "eat the cheeseburger" becomes "tthchsbrgr"). @i